

BENNY LEONARD EXTENDS MANY K. O. INVITATIONS, BUT DUNDEE'S JAW REFUSES TO ACCEPT

DUNDEE LOSES, BUT LEONARD KNOWS HE IS IN REAL BATTLE

Italian Drops Decision by Narrow Margin When Champion Benny Hands Out Groggy Wallops in Late Rounds—Johnny Leads at Start

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JOHNNY DUNDEE fought the battle of his life at the Armory last night, doing everything but defeating Benny Leonard in a sensational eight-round bout. Leonard won, but it was by the narrowest of margins, and it was only through a wonderful spurt in the last two rounds, when he had the famous Scotch-wop all but out. It has been a long time since Benny was in such a strenuous scrap and he was lucky to emerge with a shade.

Dundee's work was a revelation. He outjolted, outpunched and outgeneraled the champion in the earlier rounds and showed no more fear than one of the doughboys hopping over the top. He actually carried the fight to Leonard in the first three rounds, once staggering Benny with a hard left to the chin. It was not until the fourth that Benny got going, but even then he had his troubles.

Johnny watched that right hand all the time, and when it swished in his direction he was not there. Benny would measure him with that long



left, holding the head in position, but when he launched the knockout wallop Dundee's head would fly back and the glove fly harmlessly by. Too much cannot be said of Dundee's shoving, and had it been a six-round bout he would have won hands down.

It was a wonderful battle, but not more than one-half of the huge throng which packed the armory could see what was going on. The seating arrangements were terrible and few of the ticket holders got their seats. Every man was his own usher and disorder prevailed from the opening bout. No one was treated even courteously and newspaper men, who were supposed to hold coupons calling for seats near the ring, were allowed to stand in the rear or leave the place. Another stunt like that and it will sound the death-knell of boxing in this part of the State. The public must be taken care of or patronage will cease.

THE Jersey promoters would do well to visit Philadelphia a few times and see how the crowds are handled there. This is not a ray of John Smith and the commission, for John did everything in his power to straighten things out. He has a tough job on his hands to get the promoters treating properly here.

Dundee Lucky to Stay Once Leonard Sets Sail

BUT let's get back to the fight. Every one is talking about Dundee's great showing today, but admit the way was lucky to stay the limit after Leonard started working on him. Benny is a very funny pup these days. He always boxes well, but never gets going properly until he is walloped a couple of times. It took three rounds of steady pummeling to arouse him last night, and when he started it looked like curtains. He shaded Johnny in the fourth and in the fifth almost put his man away for keeps.

Dundee was watching that right hand near the end of the round and ducked. That was a mistake, for Benny was looking for a move like that, and shot over a left hook which landed flush on the jaw. Dundee's knees stiffened and he began to sag to the floor. Throwing out his arms wildly,



LEONARD DISCOVERED DUNDEE HAD ADDED A FEW MORE ROCK TUMBLERS TO HIS ACT

he grabbed Leonard by the waist and hung on. Benny shook him off, but Johnny had recovered. He kept close, did some infighting and managed to last the round.

In the sixth Dundee's face was the color of a rose sunset. Leonard had jabbed him throughout the battle and, although the blows were light, the effect was seen. Johnny's left eye was cut, blood streaming down his face and he looked like anything but a winner. However he never stopped, and kept after Leonard at all times. He used the punch and kick in close, which was the easiest way to avoid punishment.

DUNDEE is a name fighter and never backs away. When he lets off he fights back all the harder, and returned blow for blow as good as he received. In the sixth Leonard began to use a selected repertoire, which landed fine and now, sending the crowd headlong. This attack was cued with hard rights to the solar plexus and Johnny was in distress.

Johnny Begins to Weaken in Seventh Round

In the seventh Johnny began to weaken. He was green all the time, but still faced his untiring strong opponent. Who was wading and watching for an opening to send home his sleep-producing right, which would have ended everything. Leonard jabbed him all over the ring, used his right considerably, but only once did it reach the vital spot. Johnny spun around, but quickly recovered. He was fighting a losing battle, but never faltered.

In the eighth round Dundee again was in bad. He ran into a clinch but broke away when Leonard got in a half dozen uppercuts which



shook him from head to toe. Benny slammed him almost at will, but Dundee's wonderful generalship saved him. Benny couldn't follow up his advantage after landing a lusty wallop, for Johnny was there to stay eight rounds, and he did.

LEONARD'S weight was announced as 184½ pounds, and he looked it. Some of the ringside critics said he weakened himself in taking off so much weight and never would be a top-notch boxer unless he stuck around 136. Valente Schwartz, of Philadelphia, even went so far as to say that Tender would defeat Leonard easily at 133 pounds ringside. That, however, is still open to debate.

Many Philadelphia Fight Fans at Ringside

Dundee, however, showed a startling reversal of form. He looked like a real boxer against Leonard and carried the battle to the champion until he tired. Had he kept up the good work in the last two rounds there would have been a different story to tell.

Hundreds of Philadelphians attended the scrap, making it look like old home night at the Olympia. Charley Schwartz and Herb Smiler, Pop O'Brien, Jack Hanlon, Joe Christians, Yankee Schwartz, Joe Fletcher, Kid Garrison, Bobby Gunnis and many others paid real money to get tickets, but no seats.

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



BAKER SIGNS WITH UPLAND

"Home-Run King" Quits Yankees to Play Saturday Ball

LEAGUE AFTER STARS

Media, Pa., Jan. 21. Frank Baker, former "Home-Run King" of the American League and for the last two seasons a member of the New York Americans, has decided to play with the Central team of the Delaware County League, and according to Manager Miller, has signed a contract for the coming season. This is the second time Miller has quit organized baseball to play in the semiprofessional ranks, having been with Plant in 1912, after quitting the Olympia Club last night, but the two salesmen did not reach an agreement, although several times Mr. Brown was on the verge of accepting Mr. Tendler's offer.

In the eighteen minutes the New York spokesman left himself open to attack seven times and he evidently local business men jumped into the openings like a bull into a Boleyn field. Brown, however, had a way of evading his traps and Tendler was unable to put the salesman into a bind.

Brown proved that he is the human shock absorber. Lewis' first, right and left, earned on Brown's jaw was a regularly thin was thin-skinned and will the New Yorker fail to give the New York team a big lead. Brown's plan was to go to the door, to stay the limit, and he did say until the argument has run its full course.

These can be no doubt the fact that Tendler is the better salesman. He had little trouble in convincing the Olympia Club to let him have the services of the team, and although he did not over a victory deal, the transaction did not reach a final agreement.

It is understood the managers of other Delaware County League teams are not in touch with Baker, but he has been approached by the manager of the Jameson, Perry and Mason of the Athletics Club, of the Yankees, Gilman of Pittsburgh, Crittenden of the Indians, and the Newark, Newark, Newarkers have been approached and offered terms which are expected to secure their signatures.

FORMER PENN STAR DEAD

Dutton, Football Player, Makes Supreme Sacrifice in France

Another former Penn athlete has been joined to the list of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Harold Lawrence Dutton, member of the Red and Blue track teams of 1912 and 1913, died yesterday morning at 3:30 a.m. in France on November 21, twelve days after the armistice was signed. He died of wounds received in battle.

Dutton's name does not yet appear in the official casualty lists, and only the barest details of his death have been released by Edward J. Bassett, acting graduate manager of athletics at Penn.

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